

## A FATAL EXPLOSION.

**Jersey City Gas Works Explode and Three Men Are Killed—A Heavy Fire Follows.**

**Judge Breathitt Renders an Important Decision—Another Filibustering Expedition Leaves For Cuba.**

New York, Dec. 24.—The Jersey City Gas Works were wrecked this morning by an explosion. Three people were killed and several more severely injured. As a result of the explosion a paper mill was set on fire, the Central trestle is now burning and much valuable property in the neighborhood was badly shattered.

### JUDGE BREATHITT'S DECISION.

**Says a Convict Murderer Can Not Be Tried For His Crime.**

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 24.—According to the ruling of Circuit Judge Breathitt, of Lyon county, a convict can force the governor to pardon him or else murder his fellow convict with impunity. Warren Hapgood, of the Eddyville branch penitentiary, writes today to Attorney General Taylor that the judge has decided that he has no jurisdiction or right to try a convict guilty of murder inside the walls till the expiration of the term for which he was originally sentenced to the prison. This means, of course, that the man can not be punished for murder unless the governor pardons the first offense for which he is confined. This seems to be a brand new ruling, as numerous convicts in this and other states have been immediately tried and executed for killings within the walls.

### Small Failure.

Hawesville, Ky., Dec. 24.—R. B. Pierce, owner of the Falcon coal mines, made an assignment today. The failure is a small one, and was not unexpected.

### WEATHER.

Dec. 24.—Fair Warmer Sat.

## A FOOT BALL

**And a Young Lady Who Wasn't Afraid to Kick It.**

This afternoon a crowd of boys was playing foot ball near Fourth and Washington streets, when a stylishly dressed and attractive young lady came along. The foot ball passed near her, and with a skip and a jump, her dainty toe landed on the oval, there was a meteoric display of lingerie and a shapely ankle, and the ball shot high above the tree tops. The young lady smiled and passed on. Quite a number happened to see and enjoy the unusual occurrence.

### \$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT.

**W. F. Deen Sues the Old People's Line.**

**For the Death of George Deen Last July.**

Willard F. Deen, administrator of the estate of George Deen, deceased, this afternoon filed suit in the circuit court against the People's Street Railway Company for \$10,000 damages.

He alleges that last July, one Saturday night, the deceased boarded a Rowlandtown car to go home, and that the motorman did not stop the car when the former rang the bell. He was thrown violently down at Twelfth and Trimble streets and died early the following morning from his injuries. The plaintiff accordingly sues for \$10,000 damages.

### SCHOOL BOARD.

**Regular Meeting Held Last Night—Big Coal Contract Let.**

**Teachers Allowed Their Pay—Mr. J. Andy Bauer Qualifies As a Trustee.**

The Board of Education met last night at the city hall in regular session, the January meeting, as is the custom, being held before Christmas, in order that the teachers can secure their checks and enjoy Christmas.

All the members were present except Trustees Smith and Byrd, who were on the sick list.

The minutes of the last meeting were read approved.

Miscellaneous bills to the amount of \$1,187.73, and the regular pay roll of \$2,228.26 were allowed.

Superintendent McBroom's report showing the average daily attendance for the month to be 1,399, and for the year, a total of 139,900.

The report was read, and the treasury of the board was reported to be in good shape.

## JUDGE BISHOP'S LAST COURT.

**Meeting of the Members of the Paducah Bar Held This Morning at Court House.**

**Resolutions Passed and Appropriate Remarks Made—Many Lawyers Speak—Judge Bishop's Farewell.**

The Paducah bar met at the court house this morning, and Col. L. D. Husbands, circuit judge-elect, was chosen to preside, with Clerk J. Will Fisher secretary.

A committee composed of Attorneys Henry Burnett, I. M. Quigley, W. D. Greer and T. E. Moss, was appointed on resolutions. After retiring, the committee returned the following resolutions:

Whereas, The Honorable Judge of the McCracken Circuit Court, W. S. Bishop, has been intimately associated with the members of this bar for the last seventeen years, and during that time has by his uniform courtesy towards the members of his court and the fairness of his decisions won their affection, respect and esteem, therefore, be it

Resolved, That as this is the last term of court over which he will preside before retiring from the bench, we wish to express to him our appreciation for the public services he has rendered during his long term in office, and for the patient, untiring zeal he has shown in his efforts to dispense justice.

We have ever recognized in him purity both of heart and mind, and the ability of an honest, hard-working and upright judge and learned jurist, and because of these qualities we have learned to love and respect him and will ever remember him with honor and pride.

We take pleasure in saying that no man who has heretofore been honored with this high position has filled it more acceptably, both to the members of the bar and to litigants, than Judge Bishop.

We express to him our unanimous wishes for his future prosperity, success and happiness.

Signed: W. D. Greer, Henry Burnett, Thos. E. Moss, I. M. Quigley.

Appropriate remarks were made by Col. Q. Q. Quigley, Josiah Harris, Thos. E. Moss, E. W. Bagby, R. T. Lightfoot, Henry Burnett, Hense G. Harris, Sam Houston, and Col. L. D. Husbands. It was ordered that the resolutions be spread on the records of the court and published in the city papers.

Judge Bishop then made a farewell talk that was greatly appreciated by all those present.

## THE FATAL GRAVE.

**A Little Child at Princeton Burned To Death.**

Princeton, Ky., Dec. 24.—The child of Col. Humphreys in this county, was burned to death this morning by its clothing catching fire from a grate.

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## THE THREE RIVERS.

**Marine Items Picked Up Around the Wharf of General Interest.**

Capt. Dave Woods is on the Leyhe fleet tug Echo.

Capt. Henry Leyhe has gone to St. Louis to spend the holidays.

Capt. Fred Daft went home today to spend the holidays.

The towboat Defender left Pittsburgh today with a tow of coal for southern points.

The steamer Tennessee arrived here early this morning out of the Tennessee river.

Business was very active on the wharf boats and levee today, there being considerable freight loaded to the outgoing packets.

The Tennessee brought out of the Tennessee river this morning several hundred head of cattle, besides no little amount of miscellaneous freight.

The Wash Henshell arrived here late yesterday afternoon from Mississippi river points with a big tow of lumber, which goes to Cincinnati.

The Dick Fowler cleared for Cairo this morning at 8:30, doing a nice business. She will remain here tomorrow on account of it being Christmas.

The river rose here last night eighteen inches and continues to swell at a lively rate, almost covering the bar last night. By tomorrow morning that eyesore to river men will be completely submerged.

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Ladies' Dongola, Pat. Leath. Tip, Needle Toe, button \$3.50 Shoe for .....	2.50
Men's Embroidered \$1.50 and \$2.00 Slippers for .....	.98
Ladies' Satin Quilted, Fur Trimmed Slippers for .....	1.25

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321 BROADWAY



FRIDAY, DEC. 22, 1897.

CHRISTMAS

The Sun will take a Christmas gift in the form of a holiday to its employees tomorrow, and hence the issue of the Sun will be published on Christmas day. It is the only holiday in the whole year that the Sun's force can take advantage of. The Sun extends to its readers the compliments of the day and wishes to one and all an abundance of Christmas cheer, a week of holiday relaxation and recreation, and a joyous New Year.

The Sun enjoys peculiar pleasure on this, its second Christmas, and we feel that we have a right to be especially merry and grateful. One year ago, upon the day of our first Christmas, the Sun had barely passed the experimental state,—it had yet to be demonstrated that the Sun would take its place among the fixtures of Paducah. The past year, however, has been one of splendid success. The Sun has been the recipient of a subscription and advertising patronage that has been most generously extended. For these substantial evidences of the appreciation of the people of Paducah, we are truly thankful, and flatter ourselves that our efforts to give to the people a paper abreast of the times, and meeting the requirements of the homes and business houses in this city have not been in vain.

No holiday of the whole year enters so truly into the life of the people as Christmas. It is the festal day of the home and the fireside. Its joys and pleasures are those that reach their perfection only in the family circle. The talisman that adds such a peculiar and inexpressible charm to the festivities and sacred customs of this day is love, and so true is this that Christmas gifts are prized, not for their intrinsic value, but as tokens of the love and affection of the giver. The most trivial gift becomes a precious possession to the recipient.

TO US FOR

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lowe's statements to go unrefuted and he actually reiterates the same false statements. What must be the condition of the pride and self-respect of a newspaper man who is content to remain thus in the eyes of his readers.

LOW PRICE OF COTTON.

The Paris (Tenn.) Herald is at variance with the Sun on all points. It disagrees with our position on the condition of railroad employes and the cotton and wheat situation. About cotton it says:

According to the Paducah (Republican) Sun the law of supply and demand fixes the price of wheat, etc., but cotton—oh no! The Sun tries to tell its readers why cotton is selling for less than five cents, and the same time says the visible supply of this staple was less on September 1, than for many years. Funny, isn't it, the less wheat in sight the higher the price, but the less cotton we raise the lower the price. Will some mathematician or statistician please explain why?

The law of supply and demand fixes both the price of wheat and of cotton. The world's supply of wheat is short, though the American crops are large. Hence the high price of wheat, which is in strict accordance with the above law.

At the beginning of the new cotton season, September 1, the visible supply of cotton in the markets of the world was less than at any time since September, 1889.

On the other hand, the American crop of 1897 is estimated at 1,500,000 bales larger than that of 1896, and the crops of the rest of the world for those two years being about the same, it remains that the world's 1897 crop is a million and a half bales larger than that of 1896. But our friends cannot come to the aid of wheat and lower cotton prices from the fact that the world is short of wheat, while in this country there is a surplus of wheat, and those people who can save the cotton crop have

We, the undersigned manager, for man, circulator, pressman, do certify that the daily circulation of the Paducah Daily Sun for the twelve months ending December 20, 1897, averaged fifteen hundred and eighty-nine every day.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, December 22, 1897.

ticket. The limited vocabulary of the Ethiopian knows no such word as seratch. It does not embarrass him to ask the election officers to show him how to vote, and a law that would not prevent the officers from showing him could not operate as a barrier to his suffrage, as is doubtless intended by the progenitors of the proposed measure.

The changed law would have just the opposite effect on the white voters who cannot read. Has it ever occurred to those advocating the proposed change that the illiterate white man is more sensitive than the illiterate colored man, and many of them, rather than be embarrassed at the polls, would stay at home on election day. And it certainly wouldn't do to argue that there are more white Republicans than Democrats who can not read. Therefore, upon this ground alone (and there are others), as a partisan Democratic scheme, the removal of the devices would, in our humble opinion, be a signal failure.

ROSE KENTUCKY  
POST OFFICES.

All Accounts Settled But Four, of which Paducah is One.

The Courier-Journal's Washington correspondent says: The settlement of the Winchester post office light late this afternoon leaves but four presidential democratic postmasters in office whose terms have expired. These are at Mayfield, Paducah, Williamsburg and Ashland. Mr. Colson will reach a decision on the Williamsburg office during his Christmas stay in Kentucky, as will Mr. Pugh at Ashland.

A REST

From Tariff Agitation for Many Years to Come.

The Committee on Ways and Means Has So Decided—A Welcome Relief.

Water Works

An announcement has been made by the members of the

The annual session of the Ways and Means Committee therefore means much more than a mere change of the hands on the surface. It means, probably, a long rest from legislation. For the suggestion is already under consideration among Republican leaders that just as soon as it becomes possible to do so safely an announcement be made that it is Republican policy to leave the tariff alone for perhaps ten years. It will be possible to make this announcement as soon as the Dingley law shall have been tested a little further. Before the present session of Congress comes to an end it will be seen beyond the possibility of error whether or no changes will be needed in the future. Mr. Dingley and his associates upon the committee are all confident the present law will supply all the revenue needed to carry on the government. If this should prove to be a mistake, and only some slight additions to the government income are needed, these can be easily secured through the internal revenue sections.

The Republican party, in other words, plants itself upon the present tariff, and is not afraid to meet attack in that position. If the Democrats criticize this law and propose to enact a better one, then they will be forced to go before the country as tariff agitators, and the Republicans are satisfied there is nothing else in the world concerning the tariff which the country needs and wants to much as a rest. Taking the country as a whole probably it would be willing to accept a tariff law—good, bad or indifferent, Republican, Democratic, or anything else—and make it permanent for the purpose of escaping these often-recurring periods of agitation. In these days, when the prospects for currency reform are not so very bright, and when it is apparent the battle of the standards must be yet fought out it must be some encouragement to the business interests to know that the tariff seems to be settled where it is for eight or ten years.

ELKS' SOCIAL SESSION.

To Be Held Monday Night.—Dr. Dillon Saw An Elk.

The Elks, at their regular meeting last night, initiated Dr. Marmaduke Dillon, hospital surgeon of the Illinois Central.

The lodge decided to hold a social session Monday evening next, Mr. A. W. Gilet to be chairman. No one but Elks and those whose petitions have been received will be admitted to the social.

POLICE APPOINTMENTS.

Mayor Lang Has a Sack of Applications.

All Have to Be Passed Upon Before This List Is Completed.

"What about the police appointments?" a reporter asked Mayor Lang.

"Oh, nothing," was his reply, as he indicated that the subject was one that made him tired.

"But I'm at work on those appointments today," he continued.

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